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DON'T SASS ME, YOU MISERABLE BRAT! I AM DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK! THE MOST BRILLIANT MIND IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!
I DO! AND WHAT I SAY IS LAW! YOU KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE I CONQUERED THE WHOLE BLASTED PLANET, THAT'S WHY!!!
IF YOU SAY SO.
DO YOU REMEMBER OLD MOBOTROPOLIS? VERITABLE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD? IT FELL TO ME IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!
"THE COUP." I REMEMBER. I WAS, LIKE, FIVE.
AND DO YOU REMEMBER MY ULTIMATE VICTORY? WHEN I GROUND YOU INTO THE ASHES OF KNOTHOLE! I'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE, RODENT! I CAN DO IT AGAIN!!!

IMPRESSIVE RESUME, DOC. YOU MISSED A COUPLE OF KEY POINTS, THOUGH.
SCHNK!
LIKE HOW A GROUP OF KIDS WITH NO REAL TRAINING TOOK BACK THAT CITY. AND YOU CROAKED, MORE OR LESS.
SCHNK
I CAME BACK! I TOOK THE CITY BACK!
YEAH, WHAT... FOR A MONTH? TOPS? AND THEN YOU GOOFED AND LET THE WHOLE THING GET NUKED BY MISSILES!
AND NOW THE SLAG POWERS NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, SO THANKS FOR THAT!
SCHNK
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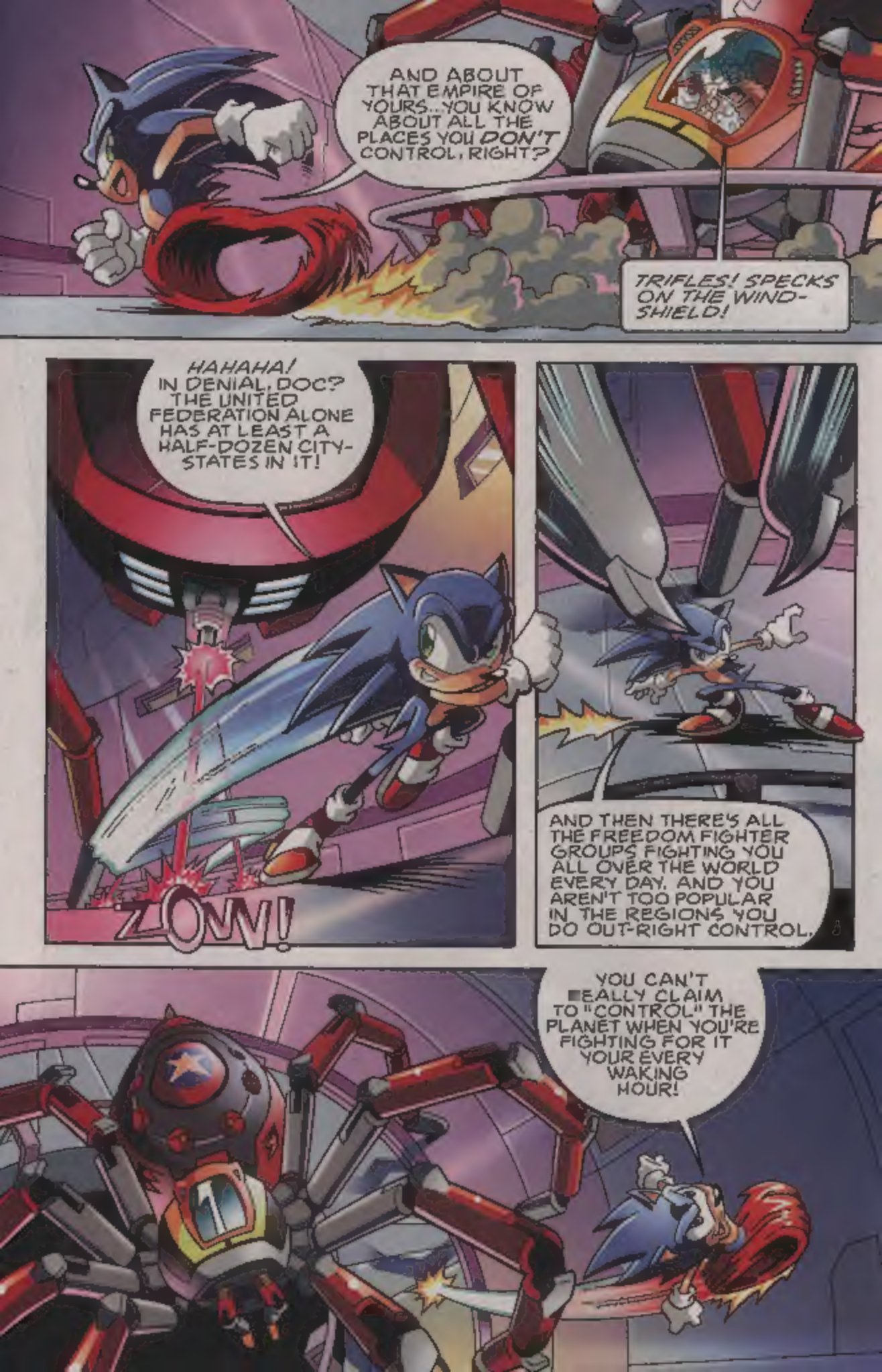
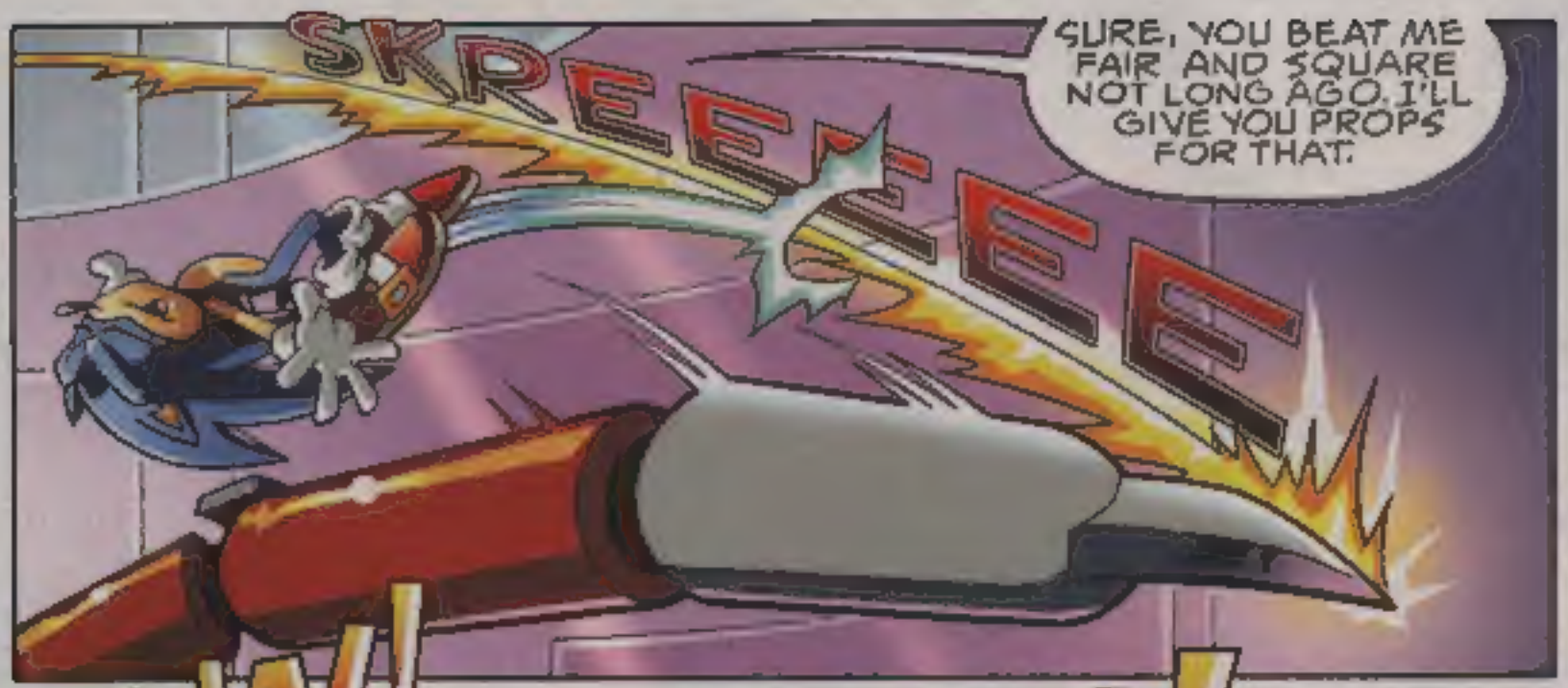
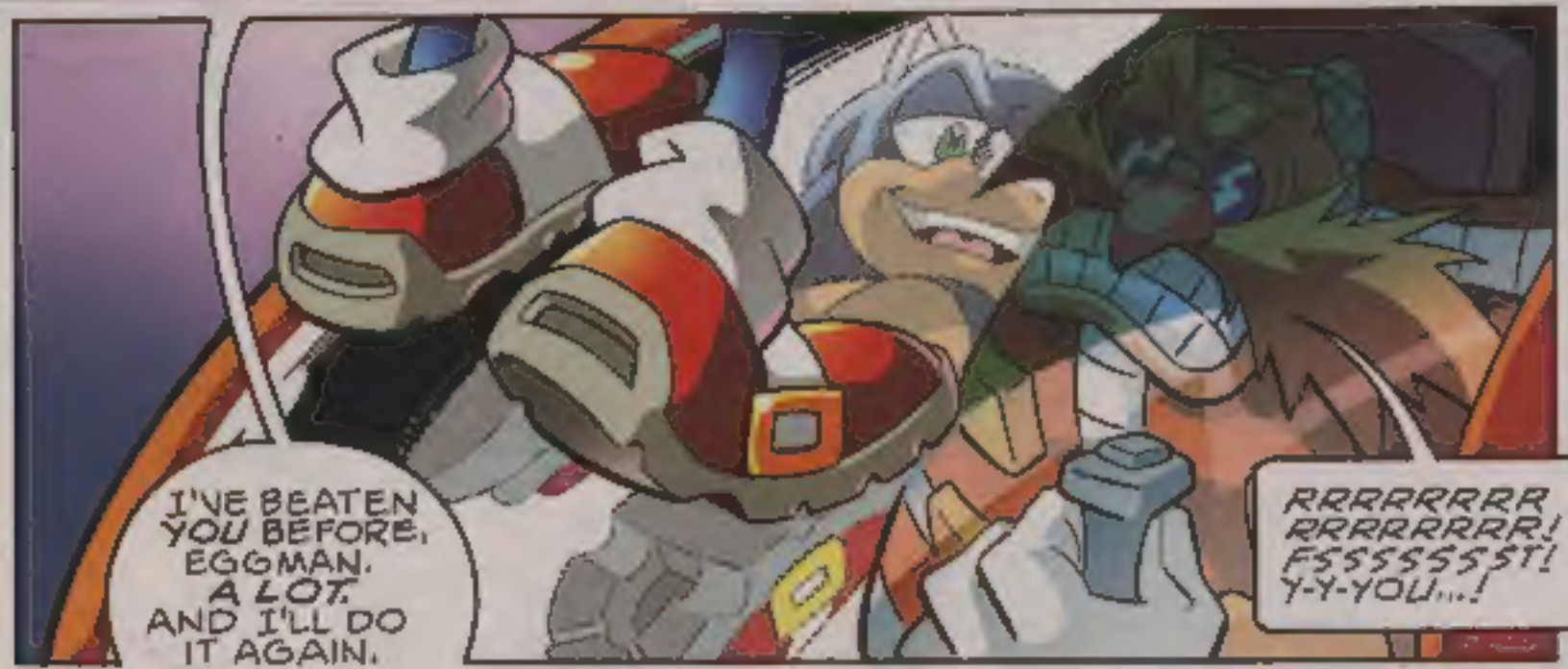
SHUT UP!

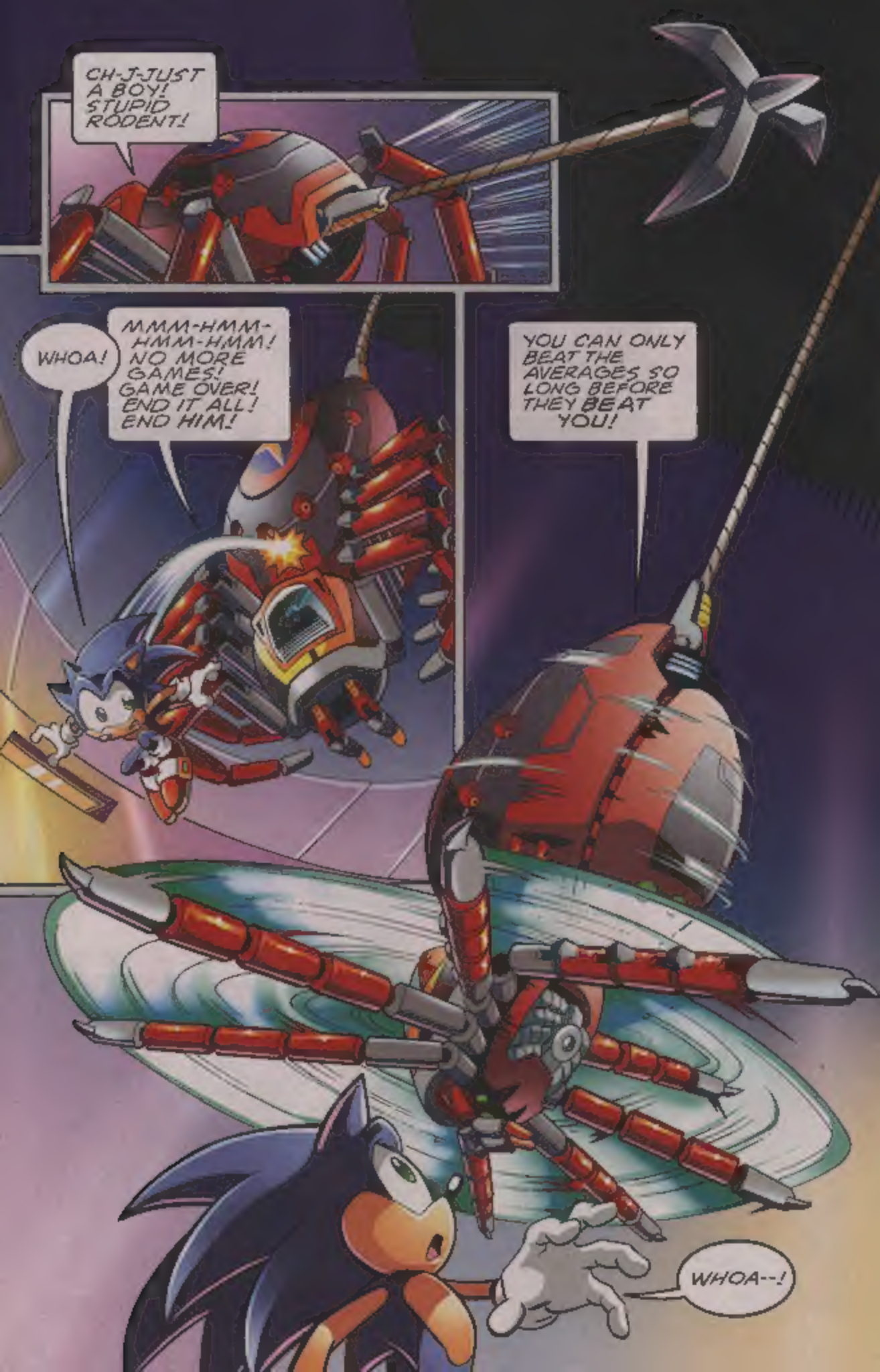

AND ABOUT THAT EMPIRE OF YOURS...YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THE PLACES YOU DON'T CONTROL, RIGHT?
TRIFLES! SPECKS ON THE WIND-SHIELD!
HAHAHA! IN DENIAL, DOC? THE UNITED FEDERATION ALONE HAS AT LEAST A HALF-DOZEN CITY-STATES IN IT!
ZOW!
AND THEN THERE'S ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTER GROUPS FIGHTING YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD EVERY DAY. AND YOU AREN'T TOO POPULAR IN THE REGIONS YOU DO OUT-RIGHT CONTROL.
YOU CAN'T REALLY CLAIM TO "CONTROL" THE PLANET WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR IT YOUR EVERY WAKING HOUR!


SKREEEEE
SURE, YOU BEAT ME FAIR AND SQUARE NOT LONG AGO. I'LL GIVE YOU PROPS FOR THAT.

POW!
BUT HOW MANY BAD-NIKS HAVE I STOMPED?
ARGH!

POW!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I SENT YOU PACKING?
STOP IT!


I'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE, EGGMAN. A LOT. AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN.
RRRRRRRR RRRRRRRR! FSSSSSSST! Y-Y-YOU...!


CH-J-JUST A BOY! STUPID RODENT!
WHOA!
MMM-HMM-HMM-HMM! NO MORE GAMES! GAME OVER! END IT ALL! END HIM!
YOU CAN ONLY BEAT THE AVERAGES SO LONG BEFORE THEY BEAT YOU!
WHOA--!

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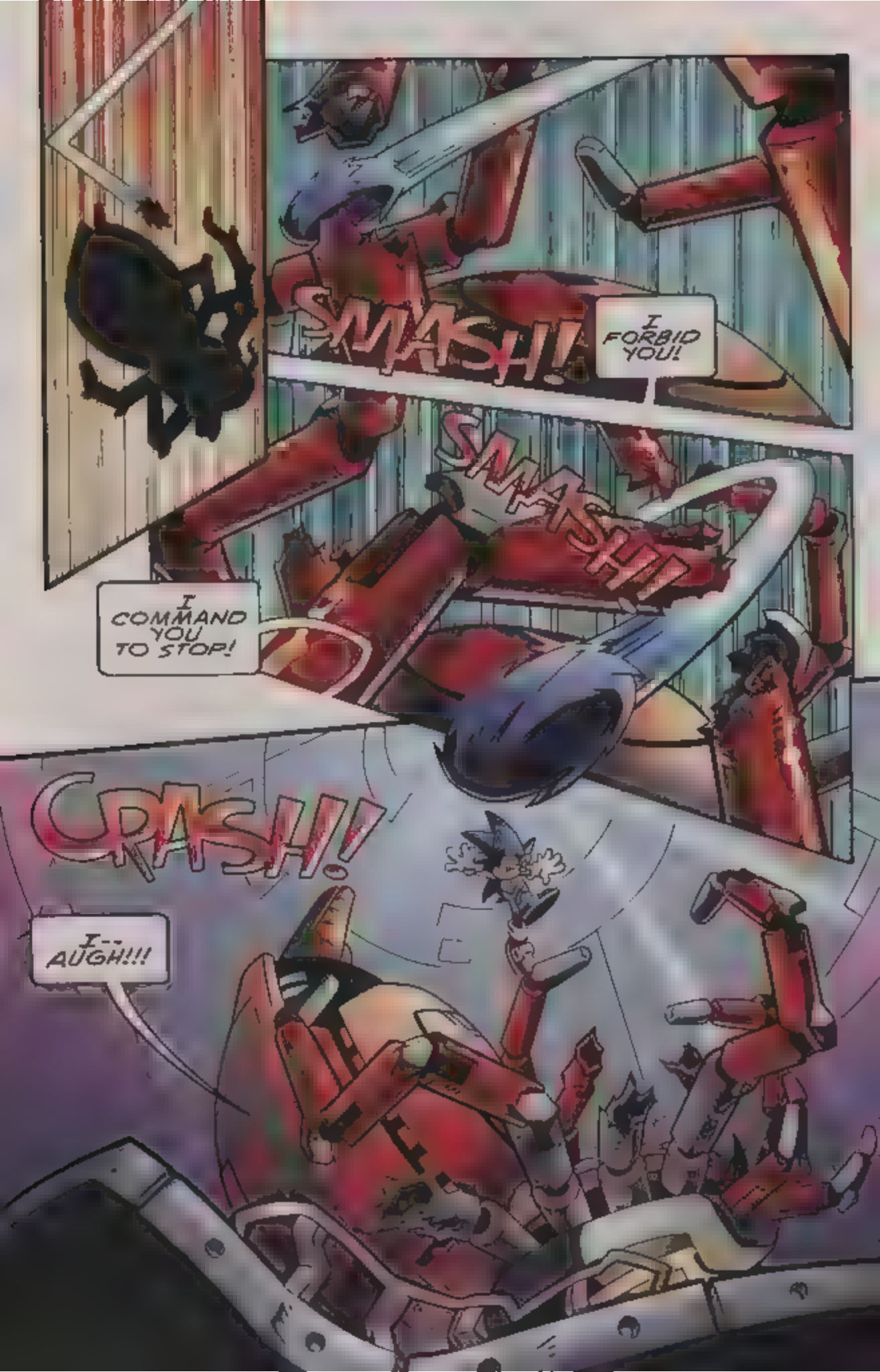
NNGUH!
NO!!!

WHY, LOOK! THE CRUCIAL JOINT TO THIS THING! DON'T MIND IF I DO!
DONK!
NO, YOU DON'T! I WON'T LET YOU!
FINE, FINE. YOU WANT TO DO IT THE HARD WAY?
YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!
BLASTED MANIC PERPETUALLY MOVING ANIMAL.

HAHAHA! THAT'S IT EGGY! RIGHT THIS WAY!
WHOOPS! GOTCHA!
WHAT ?!
AUGH!
WHAM!
NO NO NO!!! STOP IT!!! STOP IT!!!

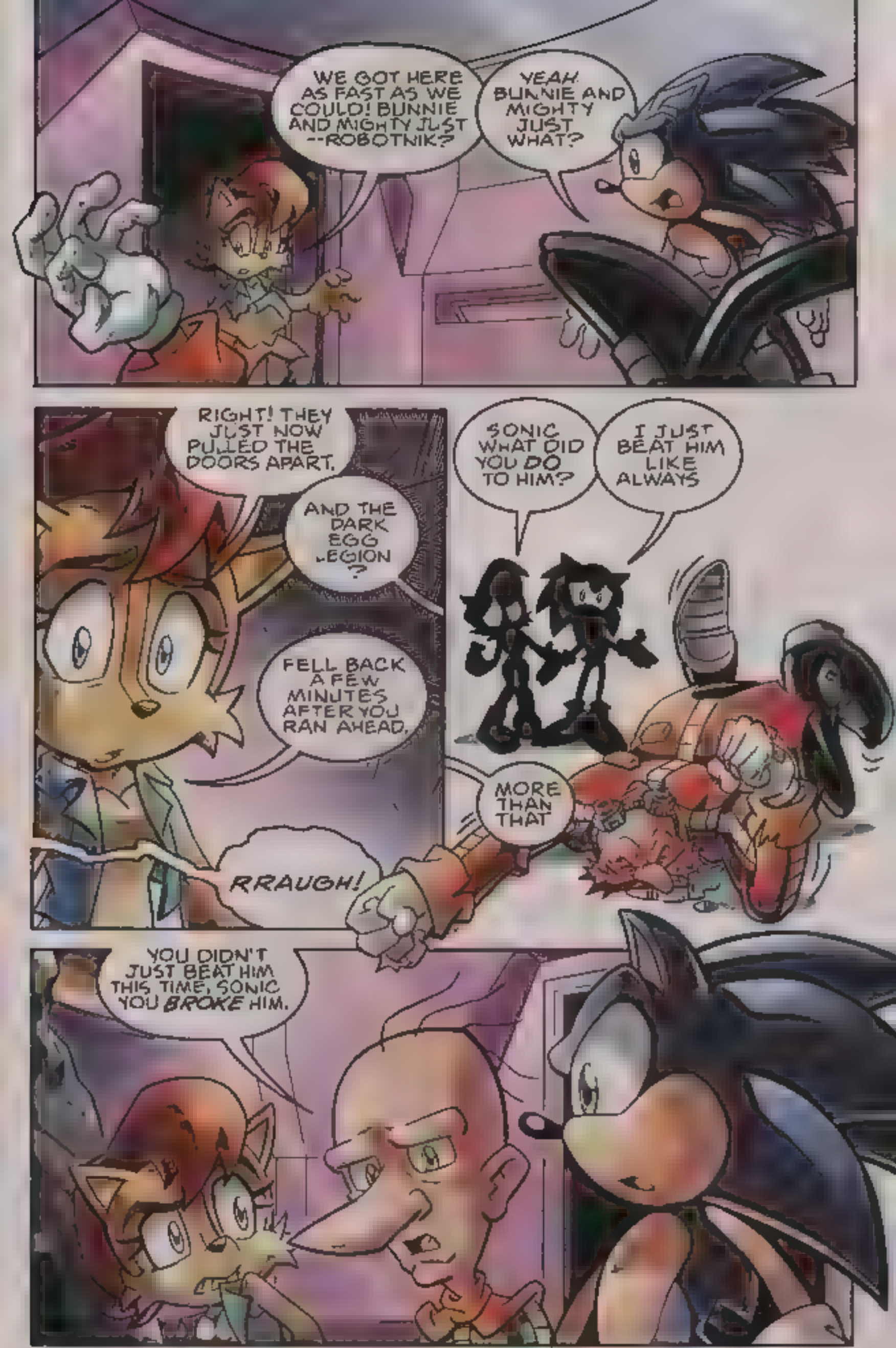

SMASH!
I FORBID YOU!
SMASH!!
I COMMAND YOU TO STOP!
CRASH!
I-- AUGH!!!

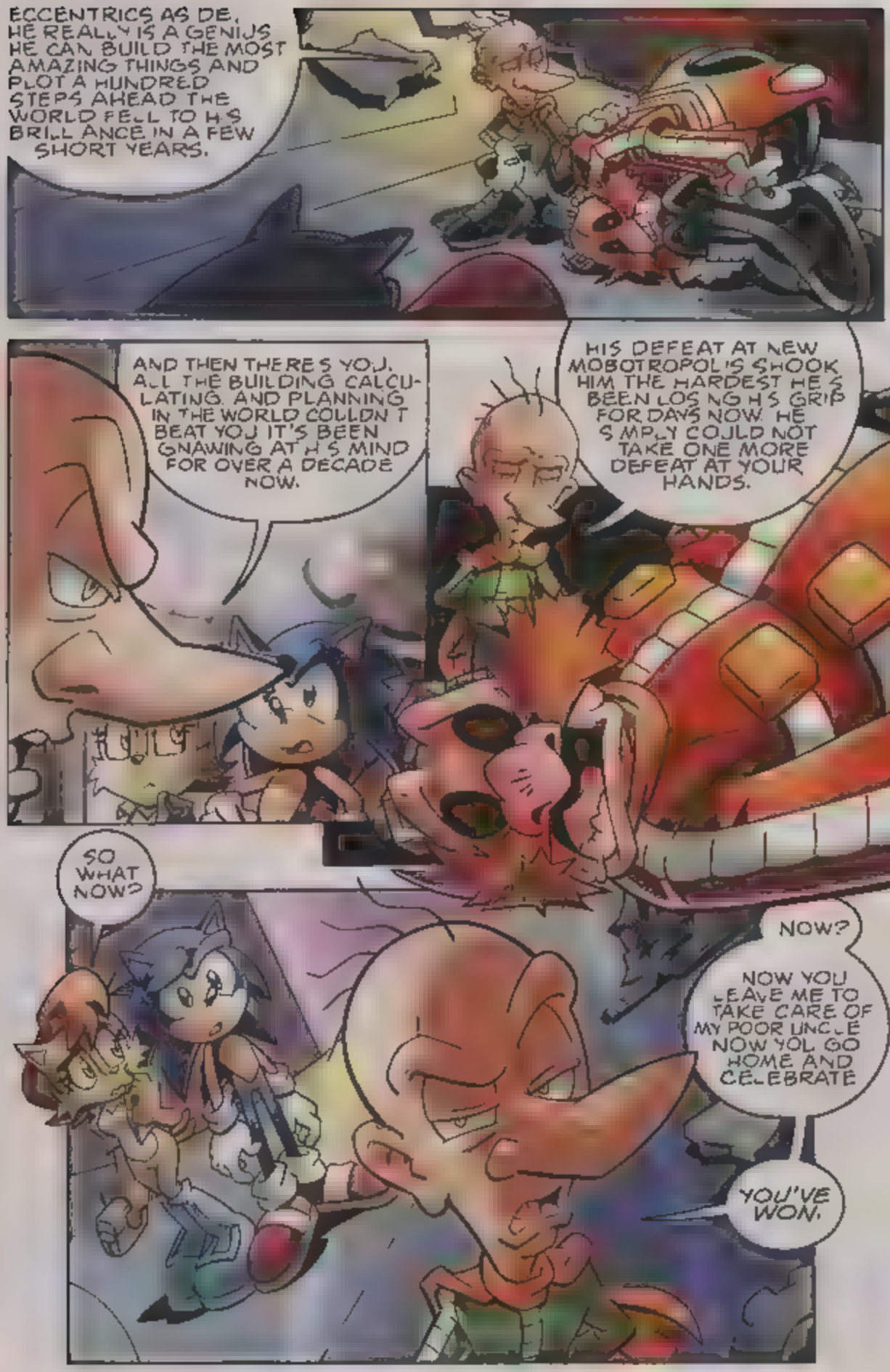
WHEW! READY TO SURRENDER ?
CAN'T.. WON'T LET.. NOT THIS TIME..!
SHOULD VE KNOWN BETTER.
N N-NO! STAY BACK! LOSE ! DIE!!!
NYAAAAAGH!

I--
--THAT-
--HATE--
--HEDGE-HOG!!!

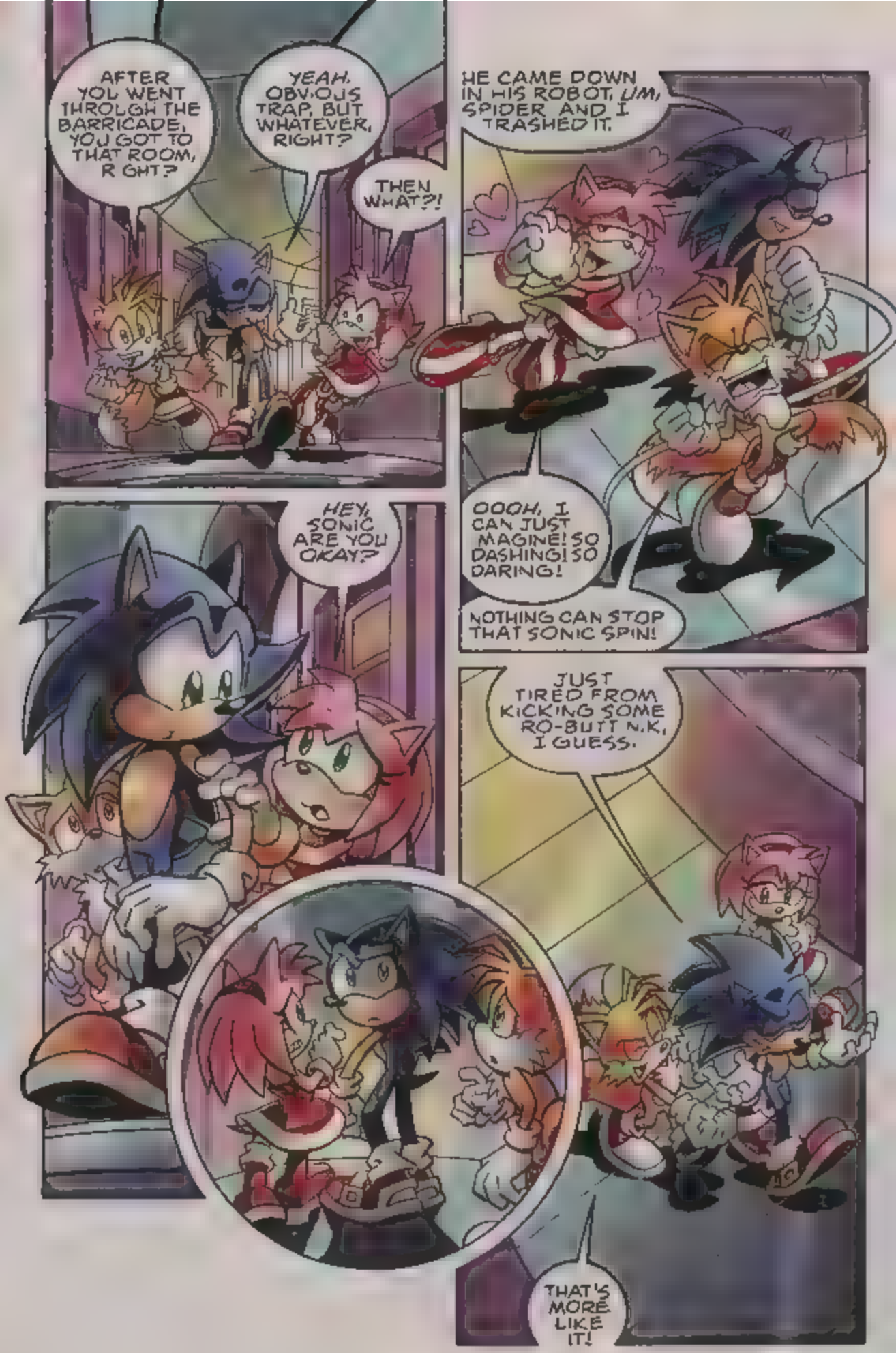
WOW! THAT WAS CATHARTIC!
BUT ENDING A LIFELONG DUEL WOULD DO THAT, WOULDN'T IT? YOU HEAR ME, EGGMAN? YOU'RE DONE.
I'LL LEAVE THE SPEECHES ABOUT WINNING THE DAY" AND "CONQUERING EVIL" TO SALLY. I'LL BE CONTENT WITH "NYAH NYAH" AND "I WIN."
F-F-F NNNGHHHH.
AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAH!!!

UM EGGMAN ?
NNNNGH-NNNNGH-NNNNGH...
NNNNNYAA AAAUGH!!!
HEDGE! GNYAH! HOG! HATE! NO!
H-HEY, DOC? DOC ROBOTNIK! YO! IVO!
GRRRRRRR RRAAAHHH!!!
SONIC!
SALLY?
MINE! NO! CAN'T! NRAGH! MMPLLT!

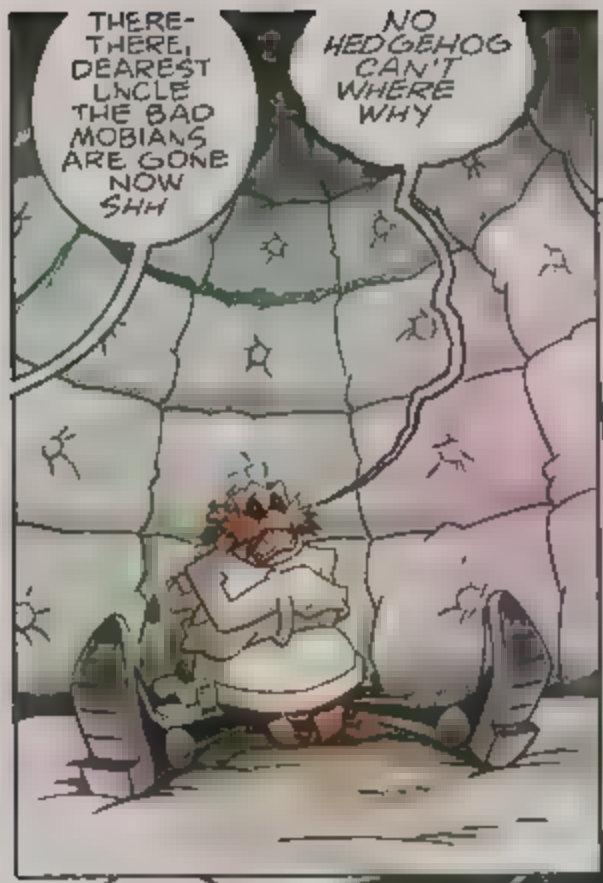

WE GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD! BUNNIE AND MIGHTY JUST --ROBOTNIK?
YEAH. BUNNIE AND MIGHTY JUST WHAT?
RIGHT! THEY JUST NOW PULLED THE DOORS APART.
AND THE DARK EGG LEGION ?
FELL BACK A FEW MINUTES AFTER YOU RAN AHEAD.
RRAUGH!
SONIC WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?
I JUST BEAT HIM LIKE ALWAYS
MORE THAN THAT
YOU DIDN'T JUST BEAT HIM THIS TIME, SONIC YOU BROKE HIM.

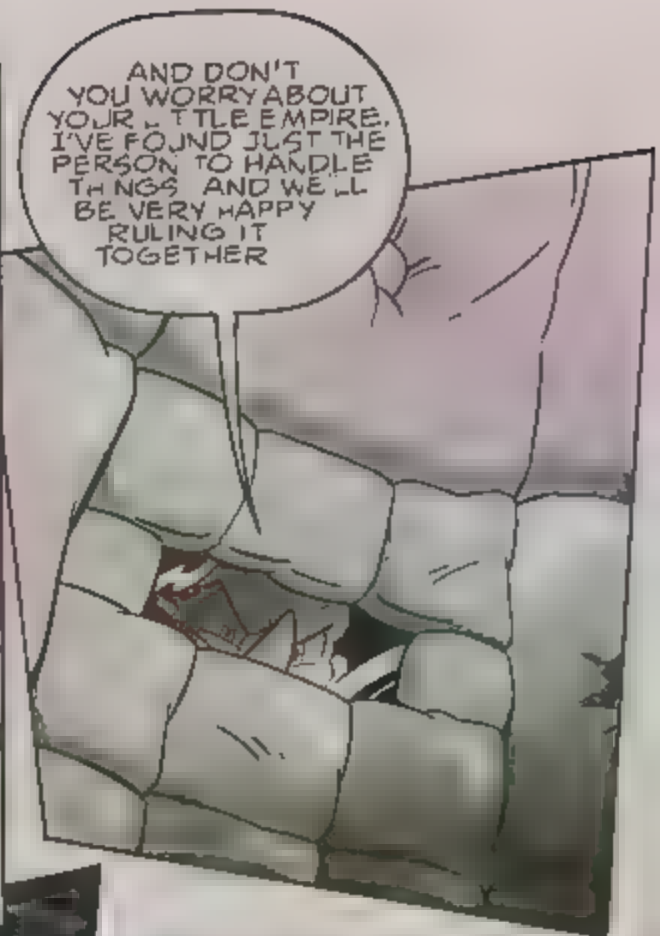

ECCENTRICS AS DE. HE REALLY IS A GENIUS HE CAN BUILD THE MOST AMAZING THINGS AND PLOT A HUNDRED STEPS AHEAD THE WORLD FELL TO HIS BRILLANCE IN A FEW SHORT YEARS.
AND THEN THERE'S YOU. ALL THE BUILDING CALCULATING. AND PLANNING IN THE WORLD COULDN'T BEAT YOU IT'S BEEN GNAWING AT HIS MIND FOR OVER A DECADE NOW.
HIS DEFEAT AT NEW MOBOTROPOLIS SHOOK HIM THE HARDEST HE'S BEEN LOSING HIS GRIP FOR DAYS NOW. HE SIMPLY COULD NOT TAKE ONE MORE DEFEAT AT YOUR HANDS.
SO WHAT NOW?
NOW?
NOW YOU LEAVE ME TO TAKE CARE OF MY POOR UNCLE NOW YOU GO HOME AND CELEBRATE
YOU'VE WON.

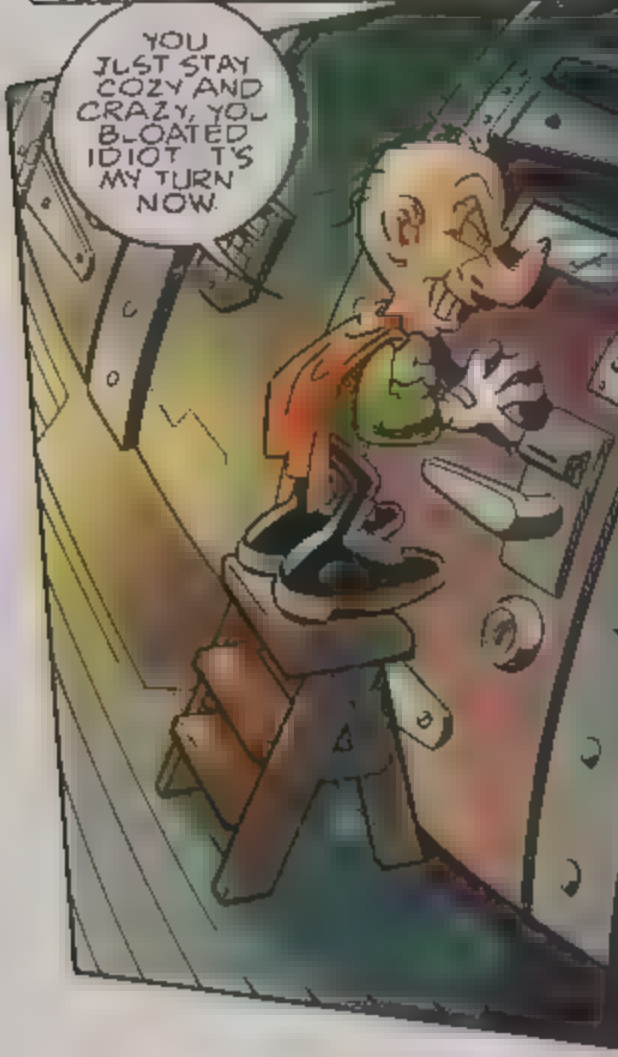
DID I HEAR RIGHT? IS IT OVER?
Y-YEAH. IT'S DONE. WE WON
YOU JERK! I TOLD YOU TO SAVE SOME ACTION FOR US! HAHA!
PARTY ON! IT'S OVER!
HOORAY, SON C. WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT
YES, SALLY AS DID EVERYONE BACK HOME.
DID--DID YOU GET ALL THAT, NICOLE?
THEY'RE DANCING IN THE STREETS!

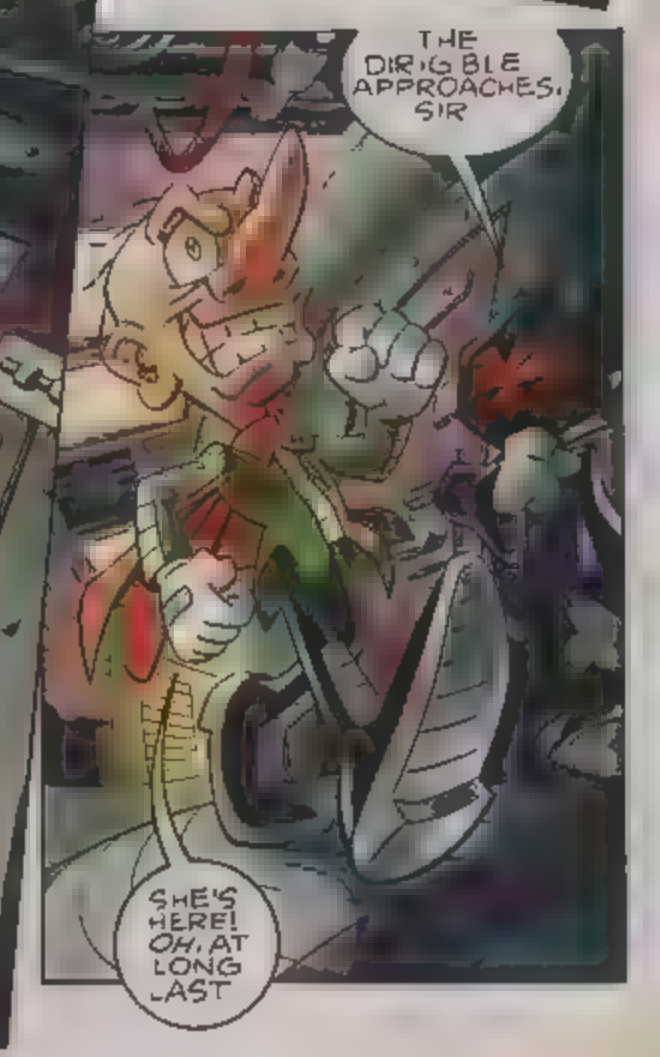

AFTER YOU WENT THROUGH THE BARRICADE, YOU GOT TO THAT ROOM, RIGHT?
YEAH, OBVIOUS TRAP, BUT WHATEVER, RIGHT?
THEN WHAT?!
HE CAME DOWN IN HIS ROBOT, UM, SPIDER AND I TRASHED IT.
OOOH, I CAN JUST IMAGINE! SO DASHING! SO DARING!
NOTHING CAN STOP THAT SONIC SPIN!
HEY, SONIC ARE YOU OKAY?
JUST TIRED FROM KICKING SOME ROBUTTNIK, I GUESS.
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

OKAY, GUYS. LET'S HELP ROTOR PACK UP AND HEAD FOR HOME.
RIGHT!
YES, MA'AM!
HEY, YOU
HEY
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
I GUESS
I DIDN'T THINK IT'D END LIKE THIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS EXPECTING, BUT IT WASN'T THIS. I MEAN NOW WHAT DO I DO?
THAT'S AN ADVENTURE IN ITSELF, ISN'T IT? TRUST ME. FULFILLING YOUR "DUTY" AND MOVING ON CAN BE A GOOD THING.


THERE-THERE, DEAREST UNCLE THE BAD MOBIANS ARE GONE NOW SHH
NO HEDGEHOG CAN'T WHERE WHY


AND DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR LITTLE EMPIRE. I'VE FOUND JUST THE PERSON TO HANDLE THINGS AND WE'LL BE VERY HAPPY RULING IT TOGETHER


YOU JUST STAY COZY AND CRAZY, YOU BLOATED IDIOT IT'S MY TURN NOW.


THE DIRIGIBLE APPROACHES, SIR
SHE'S HERE! OH, AT LONG LAST

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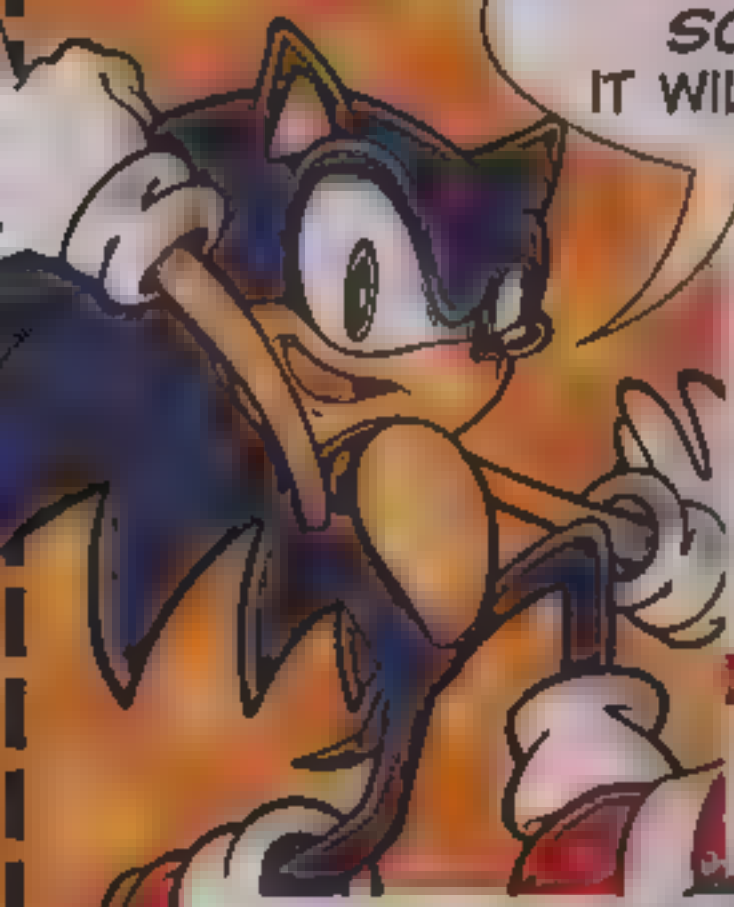

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LOOK OUT, SONIC! EGGMAN MAY BE DOWN FOR THE COUNT, BUT A NEW EVIL IS RIGHT ON HIS HEELS! WHO ARE THESE NEW VILLAINS? WHERE ARE THEY FROM? AND WHAT DO THEY WANT? ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT TIME IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #201!
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REMEMBER KIDS, THIS WAAAY PAST COOL COMIC YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR HANDS AT THIS VERY MOMENT TAKES PLACE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN THE SONIC VIDEO GAMES - SO MAKE SURE YOU FORWARD ANY GAMING QUESTIONS TO THE NICE PEOPLE OVER AT SEGA! AND NOW ON TO THE GOOD STUFF

Since this is the special 200th issue, we think it's time to print a rather special letter:

Dear Sonic Folks, Can I start with a little bit of a backstory? I was a 12 year old kid playing my Sega Genesis and loved my Sonic game. I played it again and again. When I found out they had a comic, I was there. Aside from a brief hiatus when I discovered girls were cute and expensive, I have been here since issue #30. 15 years later, I am now a 27 year old 4th grade teacher and still collecting Sonic the Hedgehog (and Archie as well). I have loved the stories and even begged my new comic store to start carrying it when I had to move to Raleigh.

The reason that I am writing this letter is that I wanted to inform you since you have been so good to me, I wanted to return the favor. I have started buying 2 issues of Sonic and Sonic Universe, one copy for me and one for my 4th grade boys to read. (The girls only want Betty and Veronica. Sorry, I tried!)

At first, I thought that they wouldn't like it. Sonic was the "GAME" years ago, but would he translate to today's generation? The answer is a resounding yes. My kids are begging me for the newest issue on Wednesday and for the archives. I had to make copies of the order forms for them to take home. Darn your advertising!!! I love comics and you guys have provided an all ages comic that doesn't insult my intelligence yet entertains a 10 year old. Bravo sirs and madams. Hopefully, I have provided some experiences which will lead to more comic collectors in the future.

Thank you for the entertainment and providing first comic experiences for my class as well. You guys are doing an excellent job, especially with the newest Egg Phoenix comic. Sonic and the characters are 3-dimensional and almost "real" to my students. Thank you for that. I will be here 'till they put me in the ground and as long as I teach, Sonic will be a fixture in my classroom.

Peace,
Mr. Timothy R.
4th Grade Level Chair

Thanks for all that, Timothy. It's quite the compliment that you not only stuck with us for so long, but that you're passing us on to the next generation. Consider this one big shout-out to your entire class!

Dear Sonic Grams, I was feeling upbeat today, and figured I'd write to you guys. I absolutely ADORE your comics, and I've been meaning to send in some of my fan art, too. I am SO excited about issue #200!!!

And here it is! Was it worth the wait? Let us know!

I've always wondered about this: is there a pronunciation difference between Mobius and Moebius?

Nope, they sound the same. Makes you wonder how the characters keep it straight since they can't see the word balloons. Hmm...

What do you guys think about an addition of Scourge to the SEGA video games?
That would be awesome!

Sincerely,
Abbey L.

It sure would! Maybe one day it will happen?

Dear SonicGrams: You ROCK!
I was wondering when is Sonic Evolution of a Hero going to be out? Sorry, I'm a newbie to comics...

No worries! "Sonic: Evolution of a Hero" should be available as a FREE comic at your local comic store on Free Comic Book Day! (May 2nd)

I also want to say cograts on reaching 200!!! I have another question, what type of education do you need to work on the Sonic comics? and what classes do you have to take?

THANKS,
Krissie G.

That all depends on what you want to do. If you're a writer or editor, you need to take English and editing courses. If you're an artist, you'll need to study basic art theory before specializing – but a jack of all trades is good, too!

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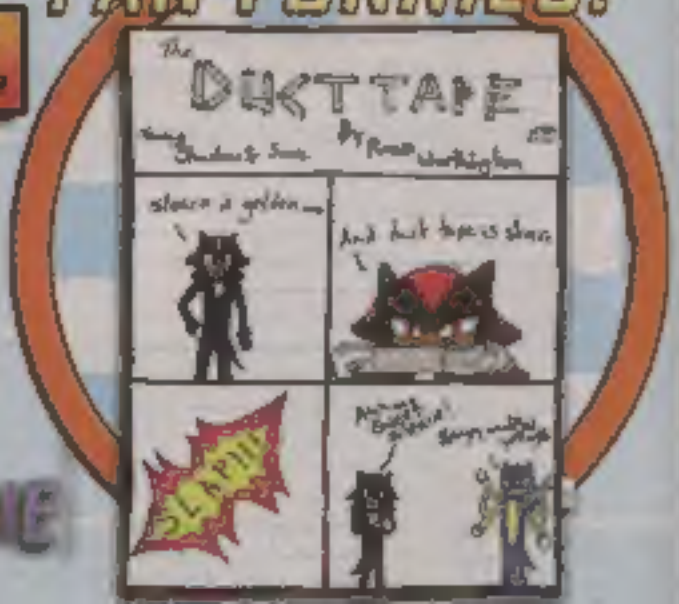

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SO, ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE BLUE BLUR'S COMIC BOOK LIFE, AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE COME SO FAST!

It seems like just yesterday i was watching the great SPAZ (Sonic cover artist extraordinaire) working on the Sonic #95 cover. Watching him hide a secret message in the webs (Bonus prize if you can find it, 'cause I can't remember where he hid it!!) then a few years later we were talking about how cool it would be if we made it to #150. And now you hold in your hand the super amazing SONIC #200.
Well, this is very cool.

So a huge thanks to the tons of bosses and SEGA folks who have been there all through the years, the editors, artists, writers, letterers and colorists, the production crew and all the unsung people who helped this book continue. And of course thanks to the loyal army of Sonic readers.
YOU ALL ROCK!!!

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Please note that SPAZ has done every milestone issue of 25 intervals. That is over 15 years of comics!

Ian, Tracy & the team have cooked up a great ride. So enjoy the new villain, who's really an old villain. You super Sonic fans out there might remember this villain from those older comics you have— they even tie into a certain Sonic #95 cover I remember all those years ago.

KEEP ON JUICIN',
MIKE

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VICTORY IS SWEET!
BUT WHAT DARK CLOUD COULD CRASH THE PARTY?
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